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REF: (A) WARSAW 4369

-- (B) WARSAW 4930

-- (C) LETTER, JULY 8, 1975, JELJASZEWICZ/FISCHER, OIH

-- (D) STATE 118906

1. DHEW/OIH REQUESTS SCIATT STOP ALL ACTION ON PROJECTS
PER REFTELS (A) AND (B).

2. REFLETTER (C) OUTLINES NUMEROUS PROBLEMS WITH DOCUMENTATION ALL NEW MSC JOINT FUND PROJECTS FROM DHEW/OIH. NEW DOCUMENTATION IS BEING PREPARED AS RECOMMENDED IN THAT LETTER EXCEPT FOR PARA. 2, WHICH INDICATES THAT PER DIEM FOR U.S. PROJECT OFFICERS WHILE IN POLAND MUST BE FINANCED OUTSIDE THE MSC JOINT FUND, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONS OF THE FUND.

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3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS FROM NSF THAT POLES OBJECTED TO DEPOSIT IN JOINT FUND OF PER DIEM OF AMERICANS UNDER NSF PROJECTS, AND THAT DURING ZALAR VISIT SCIATT URGED THAT PROJECT DOCUMENTATION BE AMENDED TO WITHHOLD THESE GRANT

FUNDS FROM DEPOSIT IN JOINT FUND. ZALAR CONCURRED RELUC-

TANTLY. FURTHER, RSA (FORMERLY SRS) ADVISES THAT THEY WERE ADVISED BY SCIATT IN WASHINGTON THAT PER DIEM FOR AMERICAN PROJECT TRAVELERS IN POLAND MUST BE WITHHELD FROM DEPOSITS IN JOINT FUND. DRAFT AIRGRAM RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT FROM RSA FOR WARSAW WITH ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION ON POZNAN REHABILITATION ENGINEERING CENTER PROJECT PREPARED IN CONFORMITY THIS ADVICE.

4. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND BASIS FOR VIEW THAT ZLOTY PER DIEM FOR AMERICAN PROJECT TRAVEL IN POLAND BARRED FROM DEPOSIT JOINT FUND PER PROVISIONS OF THE FUND. IT IS DEPARTMENT'S CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT USG AGENCIES MAY DEPOSIT FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE IN THE JOINT FUND IF INDIVIDUAL USG AGENCY POLICY PERMITS. ONLY FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO AIR CARRIERS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF AMERICANS ARE REQUIRED TO BE WITHHELD FROM DEPOSITS IN JOINT FUND.

5. BASIS FOR DEPARTMENT VIEW: (A) DECISION DOCUMENT OF DECEMBER 6, ATTACHMENT 3, PARA. B-3B STATES THAT THE PROJECT BUDGET WILL NOTE WHICH OF THE TOTAL COSTS INCURRED WILL BE SUPPORTED FROM THE FUND AND WHICH WILL BE PAID FROM U.S. RESOURCES AS PER U.S. AGENCY POLICY AND THE STIPULATIONS OF ARTICLE VI OF THE AGREEMENT ON FUNDING OF COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. (B) THE REFERENCED ARTICLE VI STATES THAT "ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TRAVEL-RELATED COSTS INCURRED UNDER ALL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE PAID IN THE SAME MANNER AS ENVISAGED AND AGREED UPON IN THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF OCTOBER 1972 BETWEEN THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC" (THE TRAVEL AGREEMENT). (C) THE TRAVEL AGREEMENT IS ABSOLUTELY SILENT ON THE SUBJECT OF PER DIEM FOR AMERICAN TRAVELERS IN POLAND, UNCLASSIFIED

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SINCE SUCH CHARGES WERE NOT TO BE MADE TO THE TRAVEL FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE TRAVEL AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, THE ONLY GOVERNING PROVISION IN THIS MATTER IS THE PHRASE "AS PER U.S. AGENCY POLICY" IN ATTACHMENT 3 OF THE DECISION DOCUMENT. (D) IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE SIGNATURE OF THE TRAVEL AND S&T AGREEMENTS, UNDER INDIVIDUAL USG AGENCY POLICIES, NSF DISBURSED TO RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS THE FUNDS FOR PER DIEM FOR AMERICAN PROJECT TRAVEL IN POLAND, AND ALL OTHER AGENCIES WITHHELD THESE FUNDS FROM DISBURSEMENTS TO RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS. MOST IF NOT ALL USG AGENCIES NOW, UNDER NEW POLICIES, WISH TO DISBURSE FUNDS FOR AMERICAN PER DIEM TO RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS THROUGH THE JOINT FUND. (E) WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SCIATT,

NONE OF THE PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION AT

THE DECEMBER JOINT BOARD MEETING HAVE ANY RECOLLECTION OF ANY AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING THAT AMERICAN PROJECT PER DIEM FUNDS WERE PROHIBITED FROM DEPOSIT IN THE JOINT FUND, BUT WERE AND ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS TO BE DETERMINED BY USG AGENCY POLICY.

6. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS SCIATT DETERMINE AND ADVISE BASIS POLISH POSITION SOONEST. DHEW/OIH CANNOT FINALIZE DOCUMENTATION ON PROJECTS PER REFTEL (B) AND REFLETTER (C) UNTIL CLEAR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED CONCERNING HANDLING OF ZLOTY PER DIEM FOR AMERICAN PROJECT OFFICERS. COMPLETION PENDING DOCUMENTATION OTHER AGENCIES ALSO HELD UP NECESSARILY PENDING RESOLUTION THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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